



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

March 10, 2006

RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINIMUM PRICES FOR CLASS 1 MARKET MILK

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

On the reverse side of this page are the minimum prices for Class 1 market milk for April 2006. All prices are f.o.b. milk processing plant. As provided in the Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk (Plans), milk handlers shall pay producers the minimum prices for market milk components sold or used for all Class 1 purposes as specified on the reverse side of this page. Component and hundredweight prices include Milk Producers Security Trust Fund charges effective June 1, 2002.

If market milk components are purchased f.o.b. producer's dairy location, haul deductions may be made as provided in the Plans.

Equivalent hundredweight prices shown in the right-hand column are based upon milk that is 3.5% fat and 8.7% solids-not-fat (SNF). These classified minimum prices that processors must pay for milk received from producers are calculated based upon mathematical formulas. The formulas are established and amended as needed through a public hearing process. These formulas include commercial prices for manufactured dairy products (butter, Cheddar cheese and nonfat dry milk). These commercial prices are also listed on the reverse side of this page.

You can access class price information over the Internet on the Department's dairy homepage at <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy>. From the main menu, select the [Dairy Prices] link and then the [Minimum Class Price Letters] link. Once there, be sure to make a bookmark for future reference. Current class price information is also available on a recorded message. Please call (800) 503-3490 to hear the recording. If you are calling from Sacramento, or from outside of California, please call (916) 442-MILK.

For more information, please contact us at the telephone number or e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

David K. Ikari, Chief
Dairy Marketing Branch



MINIMUM PRICES FOR CLASS 1 MARKET MILK F.O.B. PROCESSING PLANT

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CLASS 1: For April 2006	LB. FAT	LB. SNF	LB. FLUID	EQUIVALENT PER CWT.
Northern California	\$1.2961	\$0.7215	\$0.0195	\$12.53
Southern California	\$1.2961	\$0.7215	\$0.0226	\$12.80
Statewide Average CWT Price:				
Based Upon Production				\$12.55
Based Upon Utilization				\$12.67

COMMODITY MARKET PRICES:	\$ PER LB.
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Grade AA Butter - Daily Simple Average (February 26th to March 10th)	\$1.1753
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Block Cheddar Cheese - Daily Simple Average (February 26th to March 10th)	\$1.1350
California Extra Grade & Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk - (For Weeks Ending February 24th and March 3rd)	\$0.8533

COMMODITY REFERENCE PRICE FOR APRIL CLASS 1 PRICING: \$12.2857

Component and hundredweight prices include Milk Producer Security Trust Fund charges effective June 1, 2002.

The May 2006 Class 1 prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 10, 2006.
The April and May 2006 Class 2 and 3 prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 2006.
The March 2006 Class 4a and 4b prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 2006.